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Dear Interested Party,

I am writing to invite you to our third collaboration meeting on implementation of forestry and fuels projects examined in the Judith-Moccasin Landscape Analysis (JMLA). This next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the BLM Lewistown Field Office (920 NE Main St.).

During our first two meetings we discussed how each of us views a healthy forest and the need to treat our forests to achieve common objectives, and we agreed on priority of treatment areas. In addition, participants raised questions concerning sedimentation of streams and treatment of weeds.

At this next meeting, we will explore these issues further; guest speakers will cover topics including Stream Management Zones (SMZs), Best Management Practices (BMPs), slash hazard law, and treatment of weeds across ownerships. We will also discuss tentative Maiden project treatment unit boundaries and treatment options. Silvicultural prescriptions will be distributed for participants to review before an early summer field trip. An agenda is included to provide a preview of the meeting.

*** The BLM will advertise future meetings associated with this collaborative process *only* through the local Lewistown newspaper and radio stations and on the website: http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/lewistown_field_office/judith_moccasin.html >. Please check these sources for meeting dates and other relevant information as we will no longer mail out invitation letters as part of this particular collaborative effort.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call at (406) 538-1945.

We look forward to your continued involvement and hope to see you May 3rd.

Sincerely,


June Bailey
Field Manager

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